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1. REPLY DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1975, FROM SEAMANS TO IPPONMATSU HAS
BEEN FORWARDED TO HENOC FOR DELIVERY TO IPPONMATSU. TEXT IS
AS FOLLOWS:

"IT WAS A PLEASURE TO MEET WITH YOU IN VIENNA AND DISCUSS OUR
MUTUAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO URANIUM ENRICHMENT. ALSO, I APPRE-
CIATE YOUR FRANK LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1975, IN WHICH YOU
REAFFIRMED JAPAN'S POLICY OF CONTINUED RELIANCE ON THE UNITED
STATES FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF ITS FUTURE URANIUM ENRICHMENT
NEEDS. OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE ENJOYED MANY YEARS OF EXCELLENT
COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. AS THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST
NUCLEAR POWER GOALS, THE LARGEST CONSUMPTION AND THE LARGEST
OIL IMPORTS, IT IS INDEED APPROPRIATE THAT WE HAVE A CLOSE
ASSOCIATION IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT. WE NOTE WITH SOME REGRET,
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THEREFORE, YOUR VIEWS AS TO THE JAPANESE UTILITY COMPANIES'

APPARENT INABILITY AT THIS TIME TO MAKE SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROSPECTIVE U.S. PRIVATE ENRICHMENT PROJECTS.

"OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS TO IMPLEMENT THE STEPS NECESSARY TO BEGIN EXPANSION OF OUR ENRICHMENT SUPPLY BASE. OUR INTENTION IS TO CREATE A PRIVATE, COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY IN THE U.S. TO UNDERTAKE THIS EXPANSION WITH THE USE OF GASEOUS DIFFUSION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE NEXT INCREMENT OF CAPACITY AND WITH SUBSEQUENT INCREMENTS PROBABLY UTILIZING CENTRIFUGE TECHNOLOGY. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR PLANS FOR BEGINNING NOW WITH THE CREATION OF A PRIVATE, COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY WILL BE OF WORLDWIDE BENEFIT TO ALL USERS OF NUCLEAR POWER AND ESPECIALLY TO JAPAN, OUR LARGEST OVERSEAS ENRICHMENT CUSTOMER.

"THE NUCLEAR FUEL ASSURANCE ACT PROPOSED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS BY THE PRESIDENT PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY FINANCING AND OWNERSHIP OF THE NEXT INCREMENTS AND IT CONTEMPLATES FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN THOSE PROJECTS. WE BELIEVE THAT FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PROGRAM. THIS WAS UNDERScoreD BY THE PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE, MADE ON JUNE 26, 1975

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'...I PLEDGE TO ALL CUSTOMERS-DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN-WHO PLACE ORDERS WITH OUR PRIVATE SUPPLIERS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL GUARANTEE THAT THESE ORDERS ARE FILLED AS NEEDED. THOSE WHO ARE FIRST IN LINE WITH OUR PRIVATE SOURCES WILL BE FIRST IN LINE TO RECEIVE SUPPLIES UNDER THIS ASSURANCE. ALL CONTRACTED OBLIGATIONS WILL BE HONORED.'

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER OF JAPANESE PARTICIPATION AND TO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF RELEVANT ASPECTS WITH JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES AT AN EARLY STAGE."
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